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REPAIRS PLANNED FOR HISTORIC LUTEN BRIDGE

One lane of traffic will be closed on Wilson Boulevard

Work is scheduled to begin on July 7 to repair concrete railing and install new pillars on the historic 1913 Luten Bridge in the Whitland neighborhood of West Nashville.

The project will extend from Whitland Road to Brighton Road, and is expected to last approximately one month. Wilson Boulevard will be reduced to one lane at the bridge, with a temporary traffic signal in place to move traffic through the construction zone. Rolland Road at the south end of the bridge will be closed. The access road to Montgomery Bell Academy's athletic fields will be maintained during construction, but exiting vehicles will be restricted to a right turn only when entering Wilson Blvd.

In addition, drivers will be directed to use a detour route along Wilson Blvd., Whitland Avenue, Bowling Avenue, Woodlawn Dr. to Wilson Blvd. Rolland Ave. intersects Bowling Ave

The Whitland community is on the National Register of Historic Places and this bridge was identified as one of the special features of the neighborhood. The pillars are being installed to preserve the historic integrity of the bridge and still provide safety to the traveling public.